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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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From: (b) (6)
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2016 7:11 AM
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You'll notice I left "cleanup" out of the subject line, and I did so because clearly your draft (so tempting to write "daft") plan cuts cleanup out of the picture. The plan would be a joke if it didn't leave a key stretch of the Willamette as big a toxic mess as it ever was. "Monitored natural recovery" = do nothing, wring hands, hope the crap in the river moves on to the Columbia. In-river waste dump? Sounds like an expensive engineering nightmare that wouldn't survive even a less than Cascadia fault earthquake. The river needs more dredging than the plan calls for and a non-riparian dump site.

Treat the businesses that do business in and around the superfund area, whether they are the historic polluters or not, the same way homeowners with leaky home heating oil tanks are treated: responsible for paying to clean up the mess whether they installed the tank or not. Here I write as a shareholder in some of these businesses: cleanup is part of the necessary costs of doing business. Period.

We have miles of river to clean up, and we don't want to wait more than another 16 years to see the job done right.

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